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DISCUSSION OF REFERENCES

Reference A: The Salerno-Sonneberg patent describes a question and answer board game that involves answering questions about movies. However, in the Salerno game, a pair of dice is used to advance the player's token around a square-shaped gameboard. Salerno uses movie quotes and titles and does not utilize Oscar® cards to advance towards a famous actor's birthplace. The movie quotes are subdivided into movie categories and thus Salerno has several sets of quote cards. In Salerno, play is ended when a player receives a marker for each category of movie. Salerno is of general interest in the field.

Reference B: The Terlinden patent discloses a board game with a map of the United States provided for simulated travel. The object of Terlinden is to move a piece across the map using good judgment as to the money expended. Terlinden is of general interest since it utilizes a map of the United States.

Reference C: O'Neill discloses a board game that utilizes questions about movies and movie quotes. O'Neill is played to win achievement awards in various categories such as Comedy or Drama. O'Neill does is not played in the same way as the instant invention and is of general interest in the field.

Reference D: Balog has cards that contain a quote, the actor's name who said the quote, and the character name of the actor in the movie, similar to the quote cards of the instant invention. However, Balog uses a complicated system for awarding points (Col. 2, lines 23-27) and has as its object the accumulation of these points. The instant invention differs in the rules of the game and the object of answering the questions as well as the second set of movement cards.